

Sar language

Sar or **Sara**, also known as **Madjingay** and **Sara Madjingay** is a Bongo–Bagirmi language of southern Chad, and the lingua franca of regional capital of Sarh.

Phonology

The consonants are as follows.^[3]

Sar	
Madjingay	
Native to	Chad
Native speakers	(180,000 cited 1993 census) ^[1]
Language family	Nilo-Saharan? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Central Sudanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bongo–Bagirmi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sara languages<ul style="list-style-type: none">East<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sar
Dialects	Sar <div>Nar</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mwm
Glottolog	sarr1246 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/sarr1246) ^[2]

		<u>Labial</u>		<u>Alveolar</u>		<u>Retroflex</u>	<u>Postalveolar /Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>
		<u>plain</u>	<u>implosive</u>	<u>plain</u>	<u>implosive</u>			
Stop/ affricate	tenuis	p		t				k
	voiced	b	ɓ	d	ɗ			g
	<u>prenasalized</u>	mb		nd				ŋɡ
Affricate	voiced						dʒ	
	<u>prenasalized</u>						ndʒ	
Fricative				s				
Nasal		m		n				
Liquid	oral			l		ɭ		
	nasalized					ɭ̃		
Semi-vowel	oral						j	w
	nasalized						ɟ̃	

Vowels and nasal vowels are as follows:

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
Close	i ĭ		u ũ
Mid	e ě		o ɔ̃
		ə	ɔ
Open	a ǣ		

There are three tones.^{[4][5]}

Tone	Example	Gloss
high	gángá	<i>drum</i>
mid	māl	<i>scavenger</i>
low	jàbè	<i>hippopotamus</i>
nasal	tǎ	<i>sauce</i>

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External links

- The Sara-Bagirmi Language Project -- Sar (<http://morkegbooks.com/Services/World/Languages/SaraBagirmi/Sar.htm>)

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